

Ordinance No. 121

An ordinance for the protection against fire.

Repealing ordinance numbered 47. Passed July 27th. 1887.

Be it ordained by the Board of Trustees of the incorporated town of Las Animas, state of Colorado.

Section 1.

The Mayor, the town Marshal, and the Board of Trustees of the town of Las Animas are hereby declared Fire Wardens and are hereby empowered to do any perform all the duties of Fire Wardens by this ordinance.

Section 2.

It shall be the duty of the town Marshall to examine all building occupied or unoccupied, and all buildings in progress of construction and report to the police magistrate all violations of law and the ordinance of the town of Las Animas in relation there to and report to the Board of Trustees on the subject of prevention and extinguishment of fires.

Section 3.

The Marshal shall when deemed advisable inspect any stove, fire-place, hearths, grates, furnaces, boilers, and all stove pipes, chimneys, ovens, and other apparatus or fixtures connected therewith, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the same be in safe and proper condition and such inspection may be made in the request of any citizen, at any proper time, for the purpose of ascertaining the condition and safety thereof.

Section 4

Whenever in the judgement of the Fire Wardens any such place for keeping fire or for conducting heat or smoke, shall be in such condition as to render the keeping of fire unsafe, it shall be their duty to order the occupant of the building to which the same may be attached to discontinue the making of fire therein, and to make all necessary repairs to render the same safe when fire is used members of the Fire Wardens inspecting the same, and any person who shall disobey any such Marshal shall forfeit and pay to the town not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for each and every day he shall continue to use the same in disobedience to such order; to be recovered as in action for debt; provided any person feels himself aggrieved by such order of the Marshal shall appeal to the Board of Trustees for a final hearing and a final decision of the Board of Trustees. Any person who shall resist or hinder any member of the Fire Wardens in the execution of any duty herein enjoined shall forfeit and pay to the town not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars for such offense.

Section 5

No hot ashes shall be kept in or deposited in any pit of the town, unless kept in secure metallic earthen or brick vessels, or stone or adobe ash-room under penalty of three dollars for such offense, and a further penalty of one dollar for each day the same shall be allowed to remain so kept or deposited after notice from the marshal of any of the Fire Wardens shall have given notice to remove the same.

Section 6

Any person who shall within thirty feet of any building where fire is kept within the town, place any hay, straw or any other combustible material, in stack or pile, without having the same enclosed or secured so as to protect it from flying sparks of fire, shall be subject to a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than ten dollars for each offense and a like fine for each week the same shall be allowed to remain after notice by the fire warden for its removal.

Section 7

All chimneys and flues in any building hereafter erected, altered or repaired in the town, must not be less than four inches in thickness, either of stone brick or adobe walls, completely imbedded in lime, mortar or mud and plastered on the inside with a smooth coat of the same, and such chimneys shall be provided for the whole house within the town where fires may be kept. The holes for the stove pipe shall have a sheet iron thimble inserted into the chimney and completely imbedded in the material of the same and when not in use a tin or sheet iron stopper with a flange an inch wide shall be inserted in the hole. Every person who shall hereafter build or cause to be

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built, a chimney contrary to the provisions of this section shall forfeit and pay to the town a sum not less than five dollars nor more than ten dollars and every owner of a chimney built contrary to this section shall cause the same to be altered within ten days after notice shall have been given to make such alterations by the Fire Warden under a fine of five dollars to be paid to the town for each week such chimney remains unaltered, after notice as aforesaid.

Section 8

When a chimney is not attached to the house, the owner thereof shall cause a ventilating thimble, with two thicknesses of sheet iron or tin, with an air space between, to be inserted in the roof of the building and to extend down through the ceiling of the room below at least three inches and to project above the roof at least six inches and the pipes used to conduct the smoke shall rise at least four feet above the thimble and be well secured with wire. Any violation of this section will the person to a fine of five dollars.

Section 9

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 10

This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days from and after its publication in the Bent County Democrat the official paper of the town of Las Animas.

Note

Passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the incorporated town of Las Animas, a majority of the whole number of members elected to said Board concurring by the following vote, Yeas; William B Peart, Geo E. McCauley, W. H. Stone, T. H. Marshall. Nays; None

April 1, 1896

Attest

H.J. Jacquart

Clerk & Recorder

Approved

W. H. Stone

Mayor Pro Tem